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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Before the issuance of the first Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 1, before line 1, add the following:

--This is a continuation of copending International Application PCT/GB01/01480

having an international filing date of 30 March 2001.--

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 21 - 27.

Please amend claims 3, 4, 7, 16 and 28 as follows:

3. (Amended) A recorder according to claim 1, in which the independently writeable sector(s) storing metadata have a predetermined data capacity per slant track.
4. (Amended) A recorder according to claim 1, in which the recorder is operable to vary the extent of the metadata sector(s) in response to the amount of metadata associated with each time segment of the video and/or audio material.
7. (Amended) A recorder according to claim 1, the recorder being arranged to record four concurrent audio channels on the tape medium.
16. (Amended) A video recorder according to claim 13, in which the material identifying code is a code which uniquely defines the material amongst other material items stored on the same medium.
28. (Amended) Computer software for carrying out a method according to claim 11.

Please add the following new claims 32 - 39.

32. (New) Computer software for carrying out a method according to claim 12.
33. (New) Computer software for carrying out a method according to claim 20.
34. (New) A providing medium by which software according to claim 32 is provided.
35. (New) A providing medium by which software according to claim 33 is provided.
36. (New) A medium according to claim 34, the medium being a storage medium.
37. (New) A medium according to claim 35, the medium being a storage medium.
38. (New) A medium according to claim 34, the medium being a transmission medium.
39. (New) A medium according to claim 35, the medium being a transmission medium.

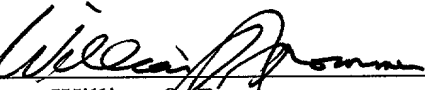
**REMARKS**

This amendment is made to provide proper reference to the International application of which this is a continuation. See MPEP § 1895.01.

The claims are amended to eliminate multiple claim dependencies. Attached hereto is a marked up version of the changes made by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Version with markings to show changes made.**" The filing fee has been calculated in accordance with this Preliminary Amendment.

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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

**In the claims:**

Claims 3, 4, 7, 16 and 28 have been amended as follows:

3. (Amended) A recorder according to claim 1 [or claim 2], in which the independently writeable sector(s) storing metadata have a predetermined data capacity per slant track.
4. (Amended) A recorder according to claim 1 [or claim 2], in which the recorder is operable to vary the extent of the metadata sector(s) in response to the amount of metadata associated with each time segment of the video and/or audio material.
7. (Amended) A recorder according to claim 1 [any one of the preceding claims], the recorder being arranged to record four concurrent audio channels on the tape medium.
16. (Amended) A video recorder according to claim 13 [any one of claims 13 to 15], in which the material identifying code is a code which uniquely defines the material amongst other material items stored on the same medium.
28. Computer software for carrying out a method according to claim 11 [any one of claims 11, 12, 20, 24 or 26].